

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

TO THE

TOWN OF RUTLAND,

MARCH 3, 1857.



RUTLAND:
GEORGE A. TUTTLE & COMPANY, PRINTERS.
1857.

REPORT.

In Town Meeting, March 4th, 1856, the following Resolution or motion was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the present and all future boards of Selectmen, Auditors and Overseers of the Poor, be directed to prepare their several Annual Reports in *minute detail*, at least ten days before the Annual March Meeting, and that the Selectmen cause 800 copies of the same to be printed for the use of the town, at least five days before said meeting. 300 copies to be left at the Court House, and 200 copies _____ place in the West Parish.

In compliance with the above resolution, the Selectmen make the following Report: .

An appropriation of \$600 was made at the last March Meeting, to enlarge the dwelling-house, on the Town Farm, under the direction of the Selectmen and Overseer of Poor, which has been done by Isaac Gibson's building an additional story to said house, in a manner that we think will be satisfactory to the Town, at a cost of \$560.00.

It will be recollected that there remained due to the West Parish, towards building their Town Hall, the sum of \$500.00, which has been paid.

There has also been paid Sheldon, Morgan, Slason & Co., for building a road west of their mill, \$460.50,—which road was contracted for some 3 years ago.

A new road has been built below Erastus Wells', and the road straightened, at an expense of near \$500.00.

The bridge at Sutherland Falls, and the Ripley bridge, have been repaired the past season, costing some \$300.00.

The Selectmen have of late laid out two roads in the village,—one from the depot east to Main street,—and one from West to Washington street, on which some appeals have been taken.

A Court's Commissioners have recently laid a road from the quarries in West Rutland, north to E. C. Chatterton's, which Report will go before the County Court, in March next, for approval or rejection.

ORDERS DRAWN BY SELECTMEN.

E. Pierpoint, for abatement on taxes in 1854-5,...	11	64
R. Barrett, " " "	7	78
A. L. Brown, for transfer on Real Estate, &c.,.....	24	61
John Proctor, services as Lister in 1855,.....	80	00
Erastus Campbell, for damage on wagon on highway,.....	1	25
George H. Palmer, rods to hang in Town Hall,.....		50
Capt. Moses Perkins, to settle account,.....	3	25
Charles Sheldon, for Town Hall, West Rutland,.....	500	00
Paid T. J. Ormsbee, for damage at S. Falls bridge,.....	50	00
Wm. P. Merriam, for plank and timber for bridge,.....	9	97
O. L. Robbins, for lamps and globes, Town Hall,...	7	42
J. Williams, for plank for highway,.....	74	38
H. O. Perkins, for services as Lister, 1855,	143	67
Charles L. Williams, for insuring liquor in Rutland and Addison Insurance Company,...	5	00
Samuel Hubbard, for abatement on taxes, 1855,.....	1	00
Clark L. Long, for job on turnpike,.....	15	00
Albert F. Davis, for Wells bridge,.....	165	50
Sheldon, Morgan & Slason, for building road,.....	460	50
Isaac Gibson, cost in case <i>vs.</i> estate of P. Melarkey,...	9	70
B. F. Blanchard, for services as Lister, 1856,.....	34	00
Moses Hawks, for work with Listers, 1856,	28	78
John B. Page, for receiving Town Tax,	49	56
Isaac Gibson, for job and extra work on Town House,...	560	00
Geo. E. Davis, on account of work at Wells' bridge.....	200	00
William Green, for timber at Wells' bridge,.....	7	00
J. J. R. Randali, for surveying and bridge plan,.....	13	00
Alpha Higgins, for plank at Sutherland Falls bridge,....	16	20
A. H. Post, for bill of work and lumber on Nichols' bridge,	15	40
A. A. Green, for Lister, 1856,.....	21	00
James Higgins, for abatement on taxes, 1856,	1	06
Walter Williams, for work on road from O. Williams' to turnpike,	7	00
G. W. Chaplin, for work on road north of Dea. Smith's, and bill of plank in own District,	34	05
Isaac Gibson, for job and extra work on Wells' bridge,...	35	00
Dennis Curnine, for work on Wells' bridge,	60	25
Isaac Gibson, for work and job at Sutherland Falls bridge,	110	00
Luther Daniels, for taking List, 1856,.....	63	00
" for making town taxes, 1856,.....	16	00

J. T. Thurston, for insurance on Town Hall,	11 25
H. G. Hunt, for work building chimney on Town Hall, . . .	8 00
Samuel Williams, for insuring liquor in Curtis' hands, 1855-6, 7	50
Nicholas Powers, for work on Ripley's bridge,	34 10
R. R. Thrall, for cost in case road between H. D. Allen and others,	4 34
H. Temple, for work on Ripley's bridge,	28 50
Luther Daniels, for making State and State School tax, . . .	15 00
A. Davis, for repairing pound, and plank for highway, . . .	4 45
O. L. Robbins, for plank used on highway,	3 61
Robbins & Mann, for work on Howe street,	15 50
Charles L. Williams, balance account in suit, Lot Keeler, Laura Jones and Reuben Chapman,	48 62
D. S. Chatterton, for moving Laura Jones, Reuben Chap- man, and fees for committing Irishmen to jail,	36 00
Wm. A. Smith, for irons used in chimney on Town Hall, . .	6 84
H. G. Clark, for arresting Michael Lynch, committing to jail, and paying C. R. Spaulding & Gould for att'y, . . .	2 50
Brandon Iron and Car-Wheel Company, for machine work on iron for Ripley's bridge,	53 31
J. & A. Landon, for bill of iron and nails used on Rip- ley's Bridge,	103 41
Charles McLaughlin, for damage getting thrown from wagon south of West Rutland, 1854,	50 00
John Downs, for work on road near his house,	1 50
Nahum J. Green, for work on roof on Town Hall,	19 32
Wm. F. Barns, for abatement on taxes and interest, 1853, .	52 64
J. Lyman, for benches in Town Hall, West Rutland, . .	20 00
John A. Hicks, for services as Superintendent of Schools, .	60 00
A. Walker, " " " "	60 00
Wm. Y. Ripley, for sawing pine lumber and work on bridge, .	14 19
Isaac Gibson, for sundry jobs on roads and bridges,	19 53
G. A. Tuttle & Co., for printing and stationery in 1856-7, .	35 40
A. Dyer, for tear and damage to wagon in 1853-4,	7 50
Josiah Huntoon, for brick used on chimney of Town Hall, .	6 00
H. Henry Baxter, for building road on turnpike,	75 00
Moses Curtis, for book-case for Town Clerk, and railing- Town Hall,	22 00
T. J. Ormsbee, for filling ends of bridge at S. Falls,	70 47
C. B. Mann, for stove-pipe account,	30 49

Hathorn, for repairing roof to Town Hall,	38	20
R. R. Mead, for acc't stove and pipe, Town Hall, West		
Rutland,	22	59
C. B. Mann, same, and Selectman and Town Agent,	48	00
R. R. Mead, account as Selectman,	29	50
Moses Hayward, account as Selectman and other account, ..	42	51
Total,	\$3,950	24

C. B. MANN'S ACCOUNT AS SELECTMAN AND TOWN AGENT.

March 6,	To 1 day at Town House to examine as to repairs,	\$1 00
10,	To going to West Rutland to receive proposals for,	1 00
14-15,	To showing and letting job to I. Gibson on Town House,	1 50
April 28,	To 1 day to So. Falls bridge, and team,	1 50
29-30,	2 days on West street road,	2 00
May,	To letting A. Davis' job to build bridge,	1 00
June,	To 1 day examining road petition on to W. Rutland,	1 00
17,	1 day examining Wells' bridge,	1 00
18,	1 " West Rutland, and team,	1 50
23,	1 " Surveying and laying out road at Wells' bridge,	1 00
30,	1 " At Wells' bridge,	1 00
July 5,	1 " To West Rutland to examine roads,	1 00
Aug. 4,	1 " To accept job on Town House,	1 00
Sept. 14,	$\frac{1}{2}$ " At Ripley's bridge,	50
14,	$\frac{1}{2}$ " At Wells' bridge,	50
Oct. 6,	1 " To let job to Curnine, at Wells' bridge,	1 00
9,	1 " To Sutherland Falls bridge,	1 00
1-5,	2 half days work at S. Falls bridge, and team,	1 50
17-18,	2 days to Town House and laying out road,	2 00
25,	1 day examining roads at village,	1 00
28,	1 " on roads in village roads,	1 00
Dec. 5-6,	2 half days laying roads in village,	1 00
16,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day to see about chimney at Town Hall,	50
27,	1 " To Ripley's bridge,	1 00
	1 " At West Rutland Road Commissioners,	1 00
Feb. 2-3,	2 days abating taxes,	2 50
16,	1 day settling account, &c.,	1 00
17-19,	2 days settling account and preparing report,	2 00
	Services as Town Agent,	10 00
	Justice fees in Laura Jones & R. Chapman's case,	5 00

\$48 00

R. R. MEAD'S ACCOUNT AS. SELECTMAN.

1856.			
March 6,	To 1 day examining Town House,.....	\$1 00	
10,	1 " Receiving proposals for repairing Town House,.....	1 00	
15,	1 " contracting with Gibson,...	1 00	
April 15,	1 " at Sutherland Falls, examining bridge,..	1 00	
29,	1 " Surveying West street, (East Rutland,).	1 00	
	Expenses,	50	
30,	1 " Surveying West street, (East Rutland,).	1 00	
	Expenses, ..	50	
May,	1 " Contracting with Davis to build road at Wells',.....	1 00	
"	1 " Examining new road, at Wells',.....	1 00	
Jan.	1 " " road on E. C. Chatterton's Petition,.....	1 00	
	1 " Surveying road to Parker's quarry,....	1 00	
17,	1 " Examining road and bridge, at Wells,..	1 00	
	1 " Receiving proposals to build road to Parker's,	1 00	
July 5,	1 " Examining road to quarries, (Sheldon's)	1 00	
Sept. 3,	$\frac{1}{2}$ " " Ripley's bridge,.....	50	
14,	$\frac{1}{2}$ " " Davis' work, at Wells,	50	
Nov. 17,	1 " " Gibson's work, at S. Falls, ..	1 00	
18,	1 " " Road on petition, E. Rutland,	1 00	
25,	1 " " " " " " " " " " " "	1 00	
28,	1 " " " " " " " " " " " "	1 00	
	Expenses three days,	1 50	
Dec. 5-6,	1 " Laying out road, East Rutland,.....	1 00	
	Expenses,	50	
1857.			
January,	$\frac{1}{2}$ " With County Committee,.....	50	
"	1 " " " " (W. Rutland) ..	1 00	
Feb. 2-3,	2 " Settling claims and abating taxes,.....	2 00	
	Expenses,	1 00	
17-18,	2 " Preparing report and settling claims,..	2 00	
	Expenses,	1 00	
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			\$29 50

MOSES HAYWARD'S SERVICES AS SELECTMAN.

1856.

March 6,	To 1 day at the Poor House examining for repairs,	\$1 00
10,	Going to West Rutland with team to receive proposals for addition on Poor House,	1 00
14-15,	Showing and letting job to I. Gibson on Poor House,	1 00
April 28,	1 day going to Sutherland Falls, examining abutment to bridge,	1 00
29-30,	2 days resurveying West street road,	2 00
May,	1 day letting to Davis job to build bridge at Wells',	1 00
June,	1 day examining for road on Chatterton's petition, at West Rutland,	1 00
17,	Examining bridge and road on petition, at Wells', 1 day,	1 00
23,	1 day surveying and laying road below Wells',	1 00
30,	1 " with team at Wells' bridge showing contractors job,	1 50
July 5,	1 " Going to W. Rutland examining road, &c.	1 00
Aug. 4,	1 " At Poor House, examining Gibson's job on same,	1 00
15,	1 " Going to Higgins' and Green's mills to buy plank and timber for bridges,	1 00
25,	Helping put the stringers on Wells' bridge,	1 00
Sept. 3,	$\frac{1}{2}$ " At the Kelley bridge,	50
14,	$\frac{1}{2}$ " At Wells' bridge, examining, &c., Davis' new bridge,	50
Oct. 6,	1 " Letting job to Carnine,	1 00
9,	1 " Going to S. Falls to measure and let job,	1 00
Nov. 1-5,	2 half days at the Falls inspecting work on abutment,	1 00
17-18,	2 days, 1 to accept Gibson's job, 1 laying road,	2 00
25,	1 day examining roads at village,	1 00
28-29,	1 " at village and 1 day going to Pittsford after J. Owen to repair bridge,	2 00
Dec. 5-6,	2 half days laying roads in village,	1 00
16,	$\frac{1}{2}$ day after mason to put chimney on Town Hall,	50
27-30,	Going to Ira after Powers, and getting timber, &c., to repair Kelley's bridge,	2 00

1857.		
Jan. 8,	1 day at West Rutland with Road Com.,	1 00
Feb. 2-3,	2 days settling claims and abating taxes, and expenses,	2 50
16,	1 day settling claims and examining bridge, . .	1 00
19,	1 day settling claims and preparing report, . .	1 00
Dec. 17,	Going to Shoreham, Cornwall and Weybridge, at the request of Town Agent, to examine records in relation to pauper,	2 00
	Expenses,	6 51
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TOWN HALL REPORT.

During the year have let the Town Hall to the amount of	\$188 25
For fluid and wood,.....	\$60 60
For taking care of Hall,.....	28 00
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Which leaves to be paid in treasury,	\$99 65

LIQUOR ACCOUNT.

Mr. Gascall reports as follows,—the Selectmen not having time to look it over:

Mr. Gascall owes for Liquor,.....	\$945 88	
Liquor on hand,.....		824 00
Cash on hand,		676 00
Deduct two year's salary,	\$400 00	
Amount owing for Liquor,.....	945 88	

Leaving a balance of profit to Treasury,.....\$154 11

JAIL ACCOUNT.

The Town Account at Jail amounts to.....	\$528 58
And Mr. Edgerton has in his hands fines, &c.,.....	425 00

REPORT OF OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

'Vhole number of Poor,	64
Average for the	14
Whole cost of Poor,	\$1,055 48
at Farm,	710 43
Cost away from Farm,	346 05
Credit received from Farm in cash,	271 77

The of the Town for the Poor, aside from
on the Town Farm, are as follows:

Silas Willis and Wife,	\$50 00
Elisha Hines,	25 00
Ephraim Butterfield, "	26 00
Irish woman on Grove st., 30 c. per week, 12 00	
Franklin Stacy, "	6 73
Daniel Manox,	33 00
Reuben Chapman,	1 75
Ann Gilbert,	7 75
Mr. LaMontain, "	7 00
Mich'I Casey,	2 00
Jane Locklin,	2 65
Daniel Manicks,	45
Mr. Sliter,	450
Margaret White,	2 00
Margaret Gorman,	8 36
J. & A. Osgood,	51 00
Mrs. Brigham,	9 00
Mrs. Vilaer,	50
Mrs. Conley,	33 75
Geo. Langley,	9 25
Mrs. Conley,	1 11
Sundry persons helped, "	8 45
Half of Overseer's services,	37 50
Frenchman at A. B. Thayer's,	630

\$34605

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY

AT THE TOWN FARM, AS APPRAISED BY THE LISTERS, FEB. 11, 1857.

1 Yoke of Oxen,.....	125 00	
6 Cows,	\$30 00....	180 00
3 Yearlings,	10 00....	30 00
100 Sheep,.....	2 50....	250 00
4 Shoats,.....	6 25....	25 00
12 Turkeys,.....		8 00
23 Hens,.....	3 84—	621 84
24 Tons Hay,.....	\$9 00....	216 00
75 Bushels Corn,	80....	60 00
6 “ Wheat,	1 50....	9 00
6 “ Oats,.....	42....	2 52
2 bbls. Mess Pork,.....	24 00....	48 00
$\frac{1}{2}$ “ Beef,	14 00....	7 00
$1\frac{1}{2}$ “ Soap, ..	4 00....	6 00
$\frac{1}{2}$ “ Pickles,		2 50
$3\frac{1}{2}$ “ Cider,	2 00....	7 00
1 “ Vinegar,		4 00
45 lbs. Butter,	22....	9 90
56 lbs. Lard,.....	13....	9 88
1 bbl. Flour,		7 00
75 lbs. Corn Meal,.....		1 20
6 gallons Boiled Cider,		2 00
12 lbs. Candles,	14....	1 68
65 lbs. Soap Grease,	6....	4 50—398 18
14 lbs. Pulled Wool,	37....	5 18
1 Fanning Mill,.....		4 00
1 Straw Cutter,		2 00
1 Single Wagon,		10 00
4 Plows,.....		8 00
1 Harrow,		3 00
1 Cart,		10 00
1 Sled,		3 00
6 Chains,		6 00
1 Ox,		2 00
Hay and Manure Forks and Shovels, ..		4 00
4 Hoes,		1 00
2 Hand Rakes,		25
1 Draw Rake,		50

1 Horse Rake,.....	6 00	
4 Axes,	1 50	
1 Iron Bar,	1 50	
2 Saws, Iron Wedges, Augers, &c.,...	2 00	
2 Scythes and Snaths,.....	75	
1 Cultivator,	1 00	
276 Sap Buckets,	12½...	34 37
3 Store Tubs,.....	5 00	
3 40-gallon Casks,	50....	1 50
3 Cider Barrels,.....	25....	75
1 Pot-Ash Kettle,	7 00	
2 Cauldron do	6 00	—55 62
13 Beds and Bedding,.....	65 00	
6 Towels,.....	75	
4 Table Spreads,	1 00	
Crockery and Glass Ware,.....	5 00	
Tin Ware,.....	10 00	
Iron Ware,	5 00	
Tables and Wooden Ware,.....	7 16	
24 Chairs,.....	4 00	
1 Wooden Clock,.....	2 00	
3 Brass Kettles,	8 00	
Table Cutlery and Spoons,.....	5 00	
1 Cooking Stove and Pipe,.....	14 00	
1 Parlor Stove and Pipe,	5 00	
2 Box Stoves and Pipe,	4 00	
20 Cords Wood,.....	3 00....	60 00—195 91

RUTLAND, Feb. 11, 1857.

\$1342 23

L. DANIELS,
B. F. BLANCHARD,
A. GREENO.

In behalf of the Auditors to settle with the Town Treasurer, the undersigned has examined his accounts, and finds that he should be charged with the following items, viz:

Balance found in his hands, March 1, 1856,.....	\$59 67
Town Tax on List of 1856,.....	5818 38
Deducting the amount unpaid July 16,.....	862 88—4955 50
Balance of Town Tax in hands of D. S. Chatterton, Col- lector,	862 88
Fines and Costs paid in by J. Edgerton, ..	118 97
Fines and Costs paid in by C. L. Williams,.....	81 00
Balance of Fines and Costs paid in by H. G. Clark, 27	50
Balance of Fines and Costs paid in by P. Howe, 84	42—311 89
Balance of Execution against H. O. Perkins,.....	71 33
Costs and first instalment, White <i>vs.</i> Keeler,.....	86 22
Cash of C. B. Mann, for use of Town Hall,.....	45 73
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	\$6393 22

He should be credited as follows, for which he has produced satisfactory vouchers:

Paid sundry orders drawn by the Selectmen,.....	\$4340 28
“ “ “ “ Overseer of the Poor, ..	1085 12
“ “ “ for costs of criminal proceedings,....	464 56
Interest on U. S. surplus money credited School Fund,...	470 50
Interest on J. Smith's Estate, credited the same,.....	5 31
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	\$6365 77

Leaving an apparent balance in the Treasurer's hands of.....\$27 45

The Collector of the Town Tax has, however, paid into the Treasury only the sum of \$344 00 of the Town Tax,—\$862 88, above charged to the Treasurer,—leaving in arrear and uncollected, the sum of.....\$518 88
For which the Treasurer is not accountable.

There is in fact due to him the balance, being.....\$491 43

The undersigned has also examined the Treasurer's account of the School Fund, and finds that he should be charged with the following items on account of the fund:

Balance in his hands on settlement, March 1, 1856, . . . \$1952 76

Rent of School Lots as follows :

M. & B. Reynolds, to April 1, 1855, and interest,	42 40
“ “ “ 1856, “	41 20
M. Smith, Jr.,	20 00
Samuel J. Griggs,	10 00
J. Smith,	10 00—123 60
Mead & Chatterton's note,	35 00
Interest on U. S. surplus money, charged to the Town, . . .	470 50
“ J. Smith's Estate, “ “ “	5 31
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	\$2587 17

He should be credited for paying the several School Districts (except No. 12) their orders for public money drawn last year, amounting to . . . \$2051 14
 Leaving a balance of the School Fund on hand, . . . 536 03

In addition to which there is in arrear :

Rent of School Lot from Samuel Clark, Jr.,	\$25 00
“ “ “ J. G. Griggs,	12 00
Also M. & B. Reynolds' rent due April 1,	40 00
Mead & Chatterton's note due April 1,	35 00
And the School Tax for the current year.	

The accounts of the Overseer of the Town Poor have not been submitted to the Auditors for examination.

It will perhaps be expected by some that the Auditors would present a full statement of the outstanding liabilities of the Town, and its probable expenses for the coming year, as well as of the funds which may be required to meet them. To do this in a satisfactory manner it would be necessary, among other things, to know what orders had been drawn upon the Town by the Selectmen, Overseer of the Poor, &c., and to ascertain how many of them had been paid in and how many are still outstanding. It has not been practicable for the Auditors to accomplish this, as they have not had access to any lists of orders drawn, &c. Other officers of the Town are also much better able, from their acquaintance with its affairs, to estimate what liabilities the Town may come under during the ensuing year.

All which is respectfully submitted.

S. H. HODGES,

RUTLAND, Feb. 19, 1857.

For Town Auditors.

